United States District Court Southern District of Texas

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September 02, 2016 David J. Bradley, Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS GALVESTON DIVISION

ABRAHAM CAMPOS,	§	
TDCJ #00721237,	§	
	§	
Petitioner,	§	
	§	
v.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:15-CV-284
	§	
LORIE DAVIS, Director,	§	
Texas Department of Criminal Justice,	§	
Correctional Institutions Division,	§	
	§	
Respondent.	§	

ORDER TO CORRECT DEFICIENT PLEADINGS

The petitioner, Abraham Campos (TDCJ #00721237), is a state inmate incarcerated in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Correctional Institutions Division ("TDCJ"). Campos has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus (Dkt. 1) under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 challenging his 1992 murder conviction. Campos raises two grounds: (1) improper denial of his motion for DNA testing pursuant to Chapter 64 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure; and (2) a *Brady* violation (Dkt. 1 at pp. 6–7). Campos has filed two prior habeas petitions in this Court challenging the same conviction. *See* Southern District of Texas Case Numbers 3:00-CV-15 and 3:05-CV-199.

In a memorandum (Dkt. 2), Campos has clarified that he intended to bring his DNA-testing ground under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 as discussed by the Supreme Court in *Skinner v*. *Switzer*, 562 U.S. 521, 534 (2011). That being the case, the Court deems it appropriate to sever the *Brady* ground and dismiss it without prejudice as an unauthorized successive

habeas petition. Campos must "move in the [Fifth Circuit] for an order authorizing [this Court] to consider" the *Brady* claim. 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A); see also Propes v. Quarterman, 573 F.3d 225, 229 (5th Cir. 2009). Until he does so, this Court lacks jurisdiction to hear that claim. United States v. Key, 205 F.3d 773, 774 (5th Cir. 2000).

The *Skinner* claim, on the other hand, may be heard by this Court, and the Court will construe it as a Section 1983 complaint. However, Campos has neither paid the filing fee for a civil rights action (\$400.00) nor tendered a properly supported application to proceed *in forma pauperis* in compliance with the Prison Litigation Reform Act (the "PLRA"), 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b), which governs civil actions and appeals filed by prisoners.

Because the current pleadings are insufficient, Campos is **ORDERED** to correct his deficient pleadings within **thirty (30) days** of the date of this order by complying as follows:

Campos must either pay the filing fee of \$400.00, in the form of a money order or check issued by the prison unit on his behalf from funds found in his inmate trust account, with the above-referenced case number written on it, payable to the United States District Clerk, P.O. Drawer 2300, Galveston, Texas 77553, or he may file an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* using the attached form (or a similar form available at the prison). If electing to proceed *in forma pauperis*, Campos is instructed that he must submit a certified copy of his inmate trust fund account history containing the deposits and monthly balances for the six month period immediately preceding the filing of this lawsuit.

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Campos is advised to request a certified copy of his trust account from the unit

law librarian or other designated prison official at his unit.

Campos is advised to comply to the best of his ability. Campos is also admonished

that if he fails to comply on time, then the Court may dismiss this case for want of

prosecution, pursuant to Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, without further

notice.

It is further **ORDERED** that Campos's second ground for relief (the *Brady* ground)

is DISMISSED without prejudice for lack of jurisdiction. The remainder of the case (the

Skinner ground) is to be reclassified as a civil rights case brought under Section 1983.

Campos's request that the Court take judicial notice of prior proceedings (Dkt. 3) is

noted but **DENIED** for now.

The Clerk will provide a copy of this order to the parties.

SIGNED at Galveston, Texas, on _______, 2016.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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AO 240 (Rev. 07/10) Application to Proceed in District Court Without Prepaying Fees or Costs (Short Form)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Plaintiff Petitioner v. Defendant Respondent APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN DISTRICT O)) Civil Action No))		OR COSTS
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I am a plaintiff or petitioner in this case and declar that I am entitled to the relief requested.	e that I am unable to p	pay the costs of these pr	roceedings and
In support of this application, I answer the following	ng questions under pe	nalty of perjury:	
1. If incarcerated. I am being held at: If employed there, or have an account in the institution, I h appropriate institutional officer showing all receipts, exper institutional account in my name. I am also submitting a s incarcerated during the last six months. 2. If not incarcerated. If I am employed, my empl	nditures, and balances imilar statement from	during the last six mon any other institution w	ths for any
My gross pay or wages are: \$, and n	ny take-home pay or w	vages are: \$	per
(a) Business, profession, or other self-employment (b) Rent payments, interest, or dividends (c) Pension, annuity, or life insurance payments (d) Disability, or worker's compensation payments (e) Gifts, or inheritances (f) Any other sources	eived income from the Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	e following sources (che	ck all that apply):

If you answered "Yes" to any question above, describe below or on separate pages each source of money and state the amount that you received and what you expect to receive in the future.

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4. Amount of money that I have in cash or in a checking or savings account: \$
5. Any automobile, real estate, stock, bond, security, trust, jewelry, art work, or other financial instrument or thing of value that I own, including any item of value held in someone else's name (describe the property and its approximate value):
6. Any housing, transportation, utilities, or loan payments, or other regular monthly expenses (describe and provide the amount of the monthly expense):
7. Names (or, if under 18, initials only) of all persons who are dependent on me for support, my relationship with each person, and how much I contribute to their support:
8. Any debts or financial obligations (describe the amounts owed and to whom they are payable):
Declaration: I declare under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and understand that a false statement may result in a dismissal of my claims.
Date: Applicant's signature
Printed name